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Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes 10/23/2012

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Members in Attendance:

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Paul D. Maloy, PE
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Docket Number 3452, The petitioner, Metro PCS, was represented by their Attorney, Mr. Paul DeCoste. The Petitioner was requesting a Special Permit to install wireless communication equipment at 47 Mystic Street. Mr Lucarelli pointed out that the Planning Department approved this request. Mr. Tulimieri, as a condition of approval, wanted a copy of the lease agreement. The request was put before the board for a vote. The petitioners request was granted unanimously.

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Docket Number: 3453, The Petitioner, Karen Diana and her husband Bruce Dower of 7 Newton Road were requesting a Special Permit to construct a shed greater than 7'0" in average height. This request was met with great opposition by abutters Mary Franclemont and Charles Maher of 157 Medford Street. The petitioner presented a list of 9 other abutters that were in favor of the request. The abutters were allowed ample time to voice their opinion on the request. After a lengthy and somewhat heated discussion, the Board voted unanimously to grant the Petitioners request with the condition that a fence be installed to cover the opening behind the shed along the rear abutters lot line.

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Docket No. 3454, Heather Foweles and Lynn Bishop, of 51 Windmill Lane, Arlington, Massachusetts is seeking a Variance for the construction of a front vestibule. Said request would require a Variance under Section 6.00 (Table of Dimensional and Density Regulation) of the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Arlington. Presenting the case were the petitioners, Heather Fowles, Lynn Bishop, and contractor Paul Domenici. Plans and a plot plan were submitted. Pam had a question about hardship which Mr Domenici explained ice build up during the winter months makes this a dangerous location and a vestibule would all but eliminate this problem. Mr. Tulimieri walked the neighborhood and noticed several houses with similar vestibules as requested. The board felt this request was "minor" in nature and the Variance was granted by a unanimous vote.